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HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.  
Corps Orders by Lieut.-Col. A.  
Chapman, V.D.

NOTES.  
(a) The following extract from the  
H.K. Government Gazette of May 26th,  
1916, is published for information No.  
185, 72, 12, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10,  
Colonial Auxiliary Forces. Officers  
Decorated has been granted to Capt.  
J. H. W. Armstrong, J.E.K.V.C., in ac-  
cording to the provisions of the  
Royal Warrant of the 15th May, 1916,  
and the 3rd August, 1916.  
(b) Capt. Major, Major, Major, Major,  
to the Corps Sergeant Major before the  
15th inst. return of the total num-  
ber of rounds of ball ammunition in  
possession of the members of their units.  
RESIGNED.  
H. E. the Governor has been pleased  
to appoint Lieut. Walter Brown to the  
temporary rank of 2nd Lieutenant in the  
Engineer Company of the H.K.V.C. with  
effect from the 1st May 1916.

Sergt. Silas is permitted to resign on  
leaving the Colony.  
Pte. E. L. Sim is granted leave of  
absence from the Colony from 16th  
instant to 26th June 1916.

Guard Companies will have their new  
guard orders have this day been posted,  
and will make themselves thoroughly  
acquainted therewith when next on duty.  
PARADES.  
Parades for Wednesday, 10th instant.  
7.00 a.m. Signalling Section "C" Class  
at Headquarters.  
6.15 p.m. Civil Service Company at  
Headquarters.  
6.00 p.m. Scouts Co. No. 2 Section at  
Headquarters.

DETAILS.  
On duty till 11th instant. H.K.V.C.  
Next for the duty May 12th. No. 1  
Section Army, Battery.  
On duty till 15th to 16th. Lieut.  
Wall.

HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.  
SAND PRATICES.  
Monday, May 15th at Central Police  
Station at 6.15 p.m. sharp.  
Tuesday, May 16th at Central Police  
Station at 6.15 p.m. sharp.  
The following Sections are requested  
attend at Central Station between the  
hours of 5.30 and 6 p.m.  
All ranks, including medical examples,  
are ordered to appear. Leave of absence  
cannot be given by any other than the  
D.S.P.  
Every kind of article issued to the  
individual members with the exception  
of Blue Uniform must be produced.  
Monday, May 15th. No. 2 Section.  
Tuesday, May 16th. No. 3 Section.  
Wednesday, May 17th. No. 4 Section.  
Thursday, May 18th. No. 5 Section.  
Friday, May 19th. No. 1 Section.  
Equipment officers will attend with  
the Sections of their respective Com-  
panies.

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TIME TABLE.  
WEEK DAYS.  
7.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.  
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10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.  
11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. Every 10 minutes.  
1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. Every 10 minutes.  
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. Every 10 minutes.  
2.15 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.  
6.00 p.m. to 8.10 p.m. Every 10 minutes.  
NIGHT GEAR.  
5.50 p.m. and 9 p.m. 9.30 p.m. to 11.00  
p.m. every half hour.  
11.00 p.m. to 11.45 p.m. every quarter of  
an hour.  
SUNDAY.  
7.45 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes.  
10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.  
11.30 a.m. to 12 Noon. Every 15 minutes.  
12.00 Noon to 1.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.  
1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
5.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.  
6.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.  
7.00 p.m. to 8.10 p.m. Every 10 minutes.  
NIGHT GEAR as on Week Days.  
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Paid-up Capital £2,437,500  
II—Fire Funds. £5,537,047  
III—Life & Annuity Funds. 17,567,530  
Sinking Fund Account. 123,233  
Revenue Fire Branch. £2,381,456  
Life and Annuity. £1,141,593  
Advances Marine Department. £27,233  
Other Receipts. £478,940  
£5,339,223  
The Accumulative Funds of the various  
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10 P.M. "HEUNGSHAN" 5 P.M. "KINSHAN"  
WEDNESDAY, 10th MAY.  
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SUNDAY, 14th MAY.  
The Company's Steamship "TAISHAN,"  
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## THE DIARY.

## MIXED FOR TO-MORROW.

3 p.m.—Children's performance of "The  
Wishing Cap" (operetta) at St. Paul's  
Institute, Causeway Bay.

## General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, May 11.—  
8.15 p.m.—Concert at the Seamen's  
Institute.

THURSDAY, May 11 & SATURDAY, 13.—  
5 p.m.—Children's performance of "The  
Wishing Cap" (operetta) at St. Paul's  
Institute, Causeway Bay.

FRIDAY, May 12.—  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household  
Furniture, etc. at Messrs. Hughes  
and Hough.

SATURDAY, May 13.—  
11 a.m.—Auction of Hams and Chutney  
at Messrs. Hughes and Hough.  
Dog and Cat Show at Grand Stand,  
Race Course, Happy Valley.

SUNDAY, May 14.—  
9 a.m.—Excursion to Macao by s.s.  
"Taishan".

MONDAY, May 15.—  
3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land at  
P.W.D.  
3.30 p.m.—Organ Recital at St. John's  
Cathedral.

WEDNESDAY, May 17.—  
Noon.—Meeting of Creditors of the  
Tung Kee and Wing Kee Firm.  
10.11 p.m.—Full Moon.

FRIDAY, May 19.—  
Noon.—Canton Insee. Office Extra-  
ordinary Meetings.

SATURDAY, May 20.—  
Noon.—Hongkong Electric Co's  
Meeting.

MONDAY, May 22.—  
11.30 a.m.—China-Borneo Co's Meet-  
ing.

SATURDAY, May 27.—  
2.45 p.m.—Second Gymkhana Meeting  
of the Season.

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## NEWS OF THE DAY.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL

Exchange dropped to 2s 3.3.16d.  
on demand this morning.

The Manila Observatory to-day  
reports a typhoon W. of Guam,  
moving W. or W.N.W.

Two Chinese boat people were fined  
\$5 and \$10 respectively at the Marine  
Court this morning for dragging the sea  
bottom inside the harbour limits.

A Siberian Mail was due to reach  
the Colony on Saturday last by the  
"Taishan". The steamer has not yet  
arrived. She is presumably one of those  
held up at Shanghai by the strike of  
ships' officers.

Mr. T. K. Dealy, Headmaster of  
Queen's College, having gone on long  
leave, Mr. A. W. Grant is acting as  
Headmaster of the College during  
Mr. Dealy's absence, and Mr. R. Turner  
as Second Master.

To-morrow, Thursday and Satur-  
day, a charming operetta entitled "The  
Wishing Cap" is to be performed by  
pupils of the Anglo-French School at  
Causeway Bay in aid of the charitable  
works of St. Paul's Institution. A large  
number of children are in the casts.

The insurance money accruing to  
the Tokyo Kisen Kaisha, as a result of  
the abandonment of the "Chiguma" as a  
total loss is 3,700,000 yen. It is reported  
that this money will be devoted to the  
liquidation of part of the company's  
debts, which now totals 3,300,000 yen.

Mr. B. W. Tower, Librarian,  
New York Academy of Sciences has  
written to Mr. Tsan Tai thanking  
him for the gift of his book "The  
Creation: The Real Situation of Eden  
and the Origin of the Chinese," saying:  
"The work is particularly interesting to  
our library because of your ethnological  
treatment of the descent of the different  
races and will doubtless prove of much  
value."

According to available statistics  
the number of Chinese students now in  
Japan, says a Tokyo paper, amounts to  
about 2,500, of whom 34 are Govern-  
ment students, 300 those sent by  
Prefectures and Provinces, and the rest  
independent. Most of them, except  
Government students, are in distress as a  
result of the disturbance in China,  
failing to obtain pecuniary help from  
their homes. The Chinese Legation  
has agreed to advance money to the  
extent of 50,000 yen to enable those  
who so desire to return to their homes.

## THE SINKING OF THE "DAIJIN MARU"

## PENDING ACTION IN ADMIRALTY COURT.

An action is pending in the Admiralty  
Court between the owners of the s.s.  
"Daijin Maru" and the owners of the  
"Linton" which collided off Swatow  
in February last, resulting in the  
sinking of the former vessel. We learn  
that the claim is for \$400,000.

## TRADE WAR AGAINST GERMANY.

The Agent General for New South  
Wales (Mr. Wise) in an article in the  
"National Review" suggests that the  
Allies should surtax all imported German  
goods and that the proceeds should be  
paid into a common fund to be utilised  
for defence. He states that if a 5 per cent  
surtax had existed in 1913 on such goods  
imported into Allied countries, it would  
have yielded \$113,000,000. A special surtax  
of 10 per cent should be imposed on  
goods carried in German vessels in order  
to combat the German shipping subsidy.  
To combat the German shipping subsidy,  
peace terms should block Germany from  
granting export bounties. We should  
meet the German by more drastic natu-  
ralisation regulations and the prohibition  
of German membership of our stock  
exchanges, by prohibition of German  
securities, by the prohibition of German  
banks and by a heavy poll-tax on Ger-  
man commercial travellers. England, in  
fine, must change her fiscal policy.

## CLOSING SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Banks	3.15 p.m.
Docks	87.50 b.
Sugars	107.5 b.
Cement	9.50 s.
Indes. def.	115.5 div. s.
Indes. Pref.	40 x div. s.

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## THE WEST RIVER COLLISION.

WARSHIP PROTECTION  
AGAINST PIRATES.

Addressing the Admiralty Court  
this afternoon on behalf of the  
Standard Oil Company, defendants  
in a claim for \$100,000 damages  
filed by the Shin Hing Steamship Co.,  
Mr. Eldon Potter commented on the  
conflict of evidence on two points—the  
actual course taken by the "Shui On,"  
and as to her being convoyed. Those  
points had a very material bearing  
on the credibility of a number of  
witnesses for the plaintiff. Counsel  
emphasised from Capt. MacKee's  
evidence that he had been master of the  
ship for twenty months, but apparently  
he was only the Chief Mate. Capt. Mac-  
Kee had given the impression to  
Counsel, and to his friend Mr. Jenkin,  
that he was in a position to say that he  
had never been convoyed over those  
waters by any warship at all. It was  
an extraordinary thing that the captain  
should not have known as a fact that  
the boat was being convoyed, especially  
when they bore in mind the reason for  
the convoy. The reason was that the  
"Shui On" had been pirated. They all  
knew about that piracy; they knew  
that it was a very bad piracy and  
they were told that as a result  
of the "Shui On" was specially  
convoyed because she had received  
threatening letters. The only explanation  
given was that "the captain was a most  
reserved man. It must have been  
Captain MacKee's misfortune to  
meet" said Counsel. "Not to tell the  
only other white officer on board was  
not ordinary."

His Lordship observed that if the  
plaintiff's witness had told a lot of lies  
it was very foolish of them because they  
must have known from Counsel's cross-  
examination that he would adduce  
evidence in support of the convoy.  
Mr. Potter said they might or they  
might not. If the plaintiff had admit-  
ted the course they said they took, that  
would have brought absolute destruction  
to the plaintiff's case. The witnesses  
from the torpedo-boat had only been  
secured at the eleventh hour and they  
had no axe to grind.

The hearing was again adjourned.

## A MONEY-LOAN CLAIM.

ACTION TO RECOVER MONEY OF A  
VANISHED INDIAN.

His Honour the Puisne Judge, Mr. H.  
J. Gompertz, was occupied in the  
Summary Court this morning hearing  
a claim by a money lender named Hears  
Singh of the Sikh Temple for the  
recovery of \$451.40 from the Bailey  
Company (Li Kwok) of 1 First Street,  
Hongkong, alleged to be due under a  
promissory note dated March 2nd 1914.  
Mr. Kong Sing, for the defendant, Li  
Kwok, admitted \$70 of the claim.  
Hears Singh, added the solicitor, was  
dismissed in 1914 and the defendant had  
always treated with his attorney.

Similar Singh, said the note was given  
to him the day that Hears Singh  
left the Colony; \$320 was the principal  
and the rate of interest was two per  
cent per month. Defendant had only  
paid witness \$25 for which a receipt  
was given.

Interrogated by Mr. Kong Sing  
witness denied that various endorsements  
of payments by defendant were made  
by him or in his presence. They  
were alleged to have been written on  
an extra leaf of the note, now missing.  
The defence was that Li Kwok borrowed  
\$250 and signed a promissory note for  
\$320; that he paid \$100 on August  
18th on account of principal and that  
Hears Singh endorsed it on the fly leaf  
of the note. Defendant had kept a  
book in which he entered those pay-  
ments and they totalled \$250. Defen-  
dant declared Hears Singh told him, as  
he was going away, to pay up the  
principal and not bother about the  
interest.

His Lordship gave judgment for \$70,  
the amount admitted owing by defen-  
dant, and interest at two per cent.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND  
LOTTERIES.

It is not generally known that the  
British Government, as one of the largest  
proprietors in the Suez Canal Company,  
is itself a party to an issue of premium  
bonds, in spite of all its squeamishness  
about their "lottery" aspect. Out of  
400,000 shares in the Suez Canal Com-  
pany, Great Britain owns 176,002. The  
company issued 333,333 premium bonds  
of £50 each, bearing 5 per cent. interest  
payable half-yearly, and subject to re-  
demption by quarterly drawings at  
which a number of prizes are offered.  
Up to Dec. 15 last 291,033 numbers had  
been drawn and paid off, and out of the  
3,922 bonds left drawn 25 won prizes,  
one being for £100,000, two for £25,000,  
and 23 for £3,000 each, several inquiries  
have been made by people who invested  
in these bonds as to why the State  
should scruple to finance the war by  
this method, which has been so useful in  
providing money—apparently quite  
legally—for the Suez Canal.

## A GOOD RULE FOR THE HOME

MAKE it a rule of your home to always  
keep on hand a bottle of Chamberlain's  
Colic, Cholera, and Diarrhoea  
Remedy as a safeguard against bowel  
complaints. It always cures promptly  
and has no harmful effects without it. For  
sale by all Chemists and Druggists.

## THE SHANGHAI RACES.

The following results of the last four  
races run yesterday arrived too late for  
publication in last evening's issue—

THE JOCKEY CUP. One mile.  
Messrs. Sky and Hickling's Mush.  
Hickling—1  
Jones—2  
J. F. Eam—3

THE KIANGSU CUP. One mile and  
three-quarters.  
Messrs. Toeg and Speelman's Sungari  
Heard—1  
Messrs. Wisneme and Hasty's The  
Capacallia Hill—2  
Time, 2min. 34.1-5secs.

THE ECLIPSE STAKES. One mile and a  
quarter.  
Mr. Fay's Wynona Heard—1  
Mr. Ellis Kadoria's Cocos Chief Hill—2  
Time, 2min. 38.2-3secs.

THE CHINESE CUP. One mile and a  
quarter.  
Mr. John Peel's Special Request Johnstone—1  
Messrs. Toeg and Speelman's Sir  
Lamerock Heard—2  
Mr. Peacock's The Buzzard Hill—3  
Time, 2min. 48.4-5secs.

## TODAY'S RESULTS.

THE CHU-KA-ZA CUP. Three quarters  
of a mile.  
Messrs. Toeg and Speelman's Sir Victor  
(Vida)—1  
Messrs. Toeg and Speelman's Swane  
(Williams)—2  
Mr. H. Morris' Castlefield (Stewart)—3  
Time, 1m. 29.1 sec.

THE MONGOLIAN PLATE. 1 1/2 miles.  
Mr. John Peel's Special Request (Johnstone)—1  
Messrs. Toeg and Speelman's Sungari  
(Heard)—2  
Mr. N. W. Hickling's Battle Dawn (Stewart)—3  
Time, 3m. 13.1 sec.

SHANGHAI DEBY. 1 1/2 miles.  
Mr. C. H. Candlerlight (Muller)—1  
Mr. Lamerton's Oria (Rowe)—2  
Mr. Elvritus SENTRY (Hayes)—3  
Time, 3m. 11.1 sec.

THE RACE CLUB CUP. Two miles.  
Mr. H. Morris' Wakefield (Stewart)—1  
Mr. C. D. Courts' The Trader (Brund)—2  
Mr. Lamerton's Mameluke (Rowe)—3  
Time, 4m. 23.1 sec.

THE SWEET CUP. 1 1/2 miles.  
Mr. Duggan's Coconation (Vida)—1  
Mr. H. Morris' Homefield (Stewart)—2  
Mr. John Peel's Sandiway (Johnstone)—3  
Time, 2m. 38.4-5secs.

THE GRAND STAND STAKES. 1 1/2 miles.  
Mr. Barley's Memory (Vida)—1  
Mr. Fay's Wynona (Heard)—2  
Mr. R. Macgregor's The Raj (Compton)—3  
Time, 2m. 40.1 sec.

## SENSATIONAL DIVORCE CASE.

MYSTERIOUS GERMAN SPY SAID  
TO BE INVOLVED.

A telegram from London, dated March  
23, says:—A sensational case, as being  
tried before Mr. Justice Hordge in the  
Divorce Court, in which the King's  
Prosecutor is opposing the divorce of Mrs.  
Eva Black, an Australian, from Horace  
Black, company director. Mrs. Black  
previously married Frank Austin, and was  
divorced in 1906. The King's Prosecutor  
alleges misconduct with W. P. Delaforte,  
who is a "mysterious Portuguese Jew,"  
resembling "Count Foco" is appearance.  
He disappeared at the beginning of the  
war, and is now proved to have been a  
spy. The defence pleads that Mr. and  
Mrs. Black believed Delaforte to be a  
member of the English Secret Service.  
Delaforte sometimes lent him containing  
plans and drawings collected from other  
agents in Great Britain at Mrs. Black's  
rooms for safety. She twice allowed  
Delaforte to sleep at her flat because of  
trouble with his employers. Delaforte  
was a close friend of her husband, and  
visited Berlin with him. He tried to  
induce the woman to receive documents,  
but she refused. She went to Algiers  
to assist in Delaforte's operations,  
receiving £20 per month, allegedly from  
the British Secret Service, until she was  
accused of being in touch with Germans.  
After the divorce nisi against her husband  
had been granted she went to Australia,  
and returned when the King's Prosecutor  
intervened. A detective forced an entry  
into her bedroom when she was in her  
nightdress, and demanded to know the  
whereabouts of Delaforte. She then  
found that Delaforte was an enemy spy.  
Her papers were seized and taken to  
Scotland Yard, but later were released.  
Mrs. Black stated that she had, in her  
possession for five days what she supposed  
to be a plan of the latest German aerial  
ship, but she did not know for what  
secret service she was working. Counsel  
stated that Mrs. Black now said that  
W. P. Delaforte belonged to the German  
secret service. The judge declared that  
Black's and Delaforte's connection with  
secret service largely explained the  
former position between the parties.

A curious episode of the case was the  
reading of letters purporting to be from  
Colonel Sanderson, Chief of the British  
Secret Service, promising to interview  
Mrs. Black, and remove the  
suspense aroused by Mrs. Black's  
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## THE SHIPPING STRIKE

CONSULATE'S COMPROMISE  
REJECTED.

The "N. C. Daily News" of the 5th  
inst. reports—

At a meeting of the China Coast  
Officers' Guild held yesterday morning,  
and which was attended by 40 of the 73  
members, now in Shanghai, the sugges-  
tion made by H.M. Consulate, by which  
it was hoped that a settlement of the  
shipping strike might be effected, was  
considered. The Consulate had suggested  
to the owners recognition by them of the  
Guild provided (a) that proper guarantees  
be given that it shall not become an  
instrument in the hands of agitators; (b)  
that in future all disputes between the  
Guild and the companies shall be sub-  
mitted to arbitration.

After the meeting it was stated that  
the Guild still insists that the owners  
grant the ten original demands first, and  
then the question of the arbitration of  
future disputes may be considered. How-  
ever, the Guild has made an important  
concession. It has decided to alter its  
rules to meet the views of the owners in  
order to safeguard against unrepresenta-  
tive action. It seems that the owners  
feared that the Guild, if reorganised, might  
take action prejudicial to the owners or  
to British trade, on a vote of a quorum  
of five disaffected members. A change  
of the rules so as to ensure the submis-  
sion of certain proposals to the full  
management committee of 50 makes im-  
possible such actions as those feared by  
the owners.

EFFECT OF THE ALTERATION.  
Officers of the Guild confidently an-  
ticipate that this concession will remove  
the last objection of the companies to the  
reorganisation of the Guild, and thus remove  
one of the principal factors of the present  
deadlock. The members urge that  
if it takes a majority vote of a manage-  
ment committee of 50 to approve of any  
important proposed action of the Guild,  
there seems little to fear of the possibility  
of the Guild coming into the control of  
agitators.

There was no evidence yesterday of any  
weakening of the strike situation, and  
there was no outward movement of the  
affected companies' steamers. The Indo-  
China s.s. "Kingsing" was the only one  
of the "interned" ships to move yester-  
day. With the aid of tugs she was  
moved to an anchorage near the Arsenal,  
fully loaded. Shippers are getting  
anxious, as the volume of cargo ready for  
shipment increases, as it is impossible  
to ship any goods coastwise or up-river  
except by Japanese lines or the ships of  
the China Merchants S.N. Co., and there  
are many points to which the last named  
company are not running at present.

## GUILD'S REPLY TO OUTRAGED.

The Guild has been criticized for going  
on strike just at this time on the ground  
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## THE MARINE ENGINEERS.

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## THE WAR.

## TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## THE GERMAN REPLY TO AMERICA'S NOTE.

## PRESIDENT WILSON'S ATTITUDE.

WASHINGTON, May 8. The opinion in official circles is that President Wilson will ignore the "bullying insolence" of the German Note and will accept at its face value Germany's concession that submarines will be ordered to observe the rules of cruiser warfare, but will refuse to discuss with Germany differences between the United States and Great Britain. A rupture will immediately follow any further activities.

## POPE'S MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT WILSON.

WASHINGTON, May 7. The Pope's message to President Wilson has caused the German Note as the topic of discussion.

Phonated severity is observed as to the nature of the message, but it is believed that it refers to the Pontific desire for peace.

It is considered most unlikely that President Wilson will heed the Pope's appeal or the obscure hints of the German Note, supported by the presence of a concession that President Wilson, under the guise of negotiating with Great Britain in regard to the blockade, will persuade the Entente to discuss terms with Germany.

## ZEPPELINS AND TRAWLERS.

## NINE ZEPPELINS IN LAST RAID.

London, May 8. Fishermen who have arrived at Hull state that the Zeppelin raiders on England on 2nd inst. numbered nine. There were 10 trawlers, a number of which immediately dispersed and scurried towards the coast. The Zeppelins accompanied them at a low altitude for eight hours but did not attack, although one trawler fired a rocket to attract attention. The Zeppelins scattered in the darkness and the trawlers resumed fishing.

## GENERAL NIVELLE.

PARIS, May 8. General Nivelle, the new Commander at Verdun, is a Sevastopolian. He was only a Colonel at the beginning of the War. He fought in the Boxer Expedition, but most of his service has been in Algeria.

## FRENCH SAILING VESSEL SUNK.

London, May 8. The French sailing ship *Maria Molins* has been sunk. The crew have been picked up.

## REMAINING VOLUNTEERS TO BE CALLED UP.

London, May 8. It is understood that the remaining Derby groups will be called up on June 15th.

## TROUBLE IN LANCASHIRE COTTON SPINNING TRADE.

London, May 8. Ninety-six per cent of the Lancashire cotton spinners have voted in favour of handing in notices in the event of a refusal of a 10 per cent. advance in wages.

## EXPEDITION TO GO TO RELIEF OF SHACKLETON.

London, May 8. The "Daily Chronicle" says the Government has decided to immediately organise an expedition for the relief of Shackleton.

## OBITUARY.

London, May 8. The death is announced of Doctor Dirk Bos, the Dutch Liberal Democratic Leader. He was an authority on the Dutch East Indies.

## VILLISTAS ATTACK AN AMERICAN GARRISON.

El Paso, May 8. Fifty Villistas crossed the Rio Grande and attacked an American Garrison of ten men at Chispa. They killed 4 and wounded 4, and captured.

## GENERAL TOWNSEND AND HIS OFFICERS AT BAGDAD.

AMSTERDAM, May 8. General Townsend and four other Generals and their Staff Officers have arrived at Bagdad.

The other officers and men are to be brought there gradually.

## JAPAN AND CHINA.

## OFFICIAL DENIAL OF ENEMY REPORTS.

Tokyo, May 8. The Foreign Office daily denies the enemy reports of Japanese intervention in China. On the contrary the Premier and the Cabinet unanimously declare that Japan's fixed policy is not to interfere in the crisis in China, but to endeavour to demonstrate the sincere desire of Japan to promote a peaceful solution and to permit the Chinese to establish an effective administration.

## THE INDIA CONSOLIDATION ACT.

London, May 8. The House of Lords has taken the first reading of a Bill supplementing the India Consolidation Act of 1915. One of the clauses provides that the admission to the Indian Civil Service of British subjects who, or whose parents were not born in His Majesty's dominions shall be subject to such restrictions as the Secretary of State, with the advice of the Civil Service Commissioners, may prescribe.

## AMERICA AND GERMANY.

New York, May 7. Of 93 leading papers, two-thirds are strongly disapproving the German reply, whilst 23 Germanophile papers are approving the reply.

## BRAZIL'S INTEREST IN THE SUBMARINE QUESTION.

New York, May 7. A very lively sensation has been caused in Brazil on account of the loss of a *Rio Bruno*. It has been ascertained that the vessel was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

## THE YERDUN REGION.

## TWENTY FRENCH BALLOONS BREAK AWAY IN A GALE.

PARIS, May 7. A German attack last evening after intense artillery preparation, against our trenches south of Lihons, was stopped by our curtain of fire before it reached our barbed wire.

There has been continuous violent bombardment in the region of Hill 304 and the sector Haudromont-Thiaumont farm. A strong enemy reconnaissance was repulsed south of St. Mihiel. A score of our captive balloons broke away in a gale. Several landed in German lines; but the majority of the observers, landed by means of parachutes, in our lines.

## LATER.

A communique states: On the left of the Meuse, an extremely violent bombardment has already continued incessantly for two days in the region of Hill 304 and Mort Homme. The enemy, after repeated efforts, penetrated a communication trench east of Hill 304. Everywhere else he was repulsed with heavy loss from machine gun and artillery fire. The Germans on the right of the Meuse, after intense artillery preparation, delivered several successive attacks between Haudromont wood and Douaumont fort. They gained a footing in 400 yards of the first line trench on the western part of this front. Everywhere else the attacks were shattered. There is great artillery activity in the Woivre district.

## DEFENDER OF YERDUN.

## PROMOTION FOR GENERAL PETAIN.

PARIS, May 8. General Petain, defender of Verdun, has been promoted to be Commander in Chief of the Central Armies, extending from Soissons to Verdun, inclusive. General Nivelle succeeds him in command of the special army at Verdun.

## THE BRITISH FRONT. ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

LONDON, May 7. General Sir Douglas Haig reports: Last night and to-day there has been artillery activity on both sides, about Maricourt, Thiepval, Arras, Loos, St. Eloi and Ypres.

## ON THE WAY TO BAGDAD.

## IMPORTANT CAPTURE OF WAR MATERIAL BY RUSSIANS.

PETROGRAD, May 7. A communique states: At the capture of the Semaktrind position, in the direction of Bagdad, the Turks, who lost heavily, abandoned a large camp with important material. At the occupation of Trebizond we captured eight coast guns, fourteen six-inch guns, artillery baggage trains, and other important equipment.

## PRINCE OF WALES AT THE ITALIAN FRONT.

LONDON, May 7. The Prince of Wales is the guest of King Victor Emmanuel at the Italian front.

Rome, May 7. The Prince with King Victor Emmanuel visited the most advanced line at Lower Isonzo, and amidst the incessant roar of artillery, he had an enthusiastic welcome.

## BELGIANS IN AFRICA.

## GERMAN POSITIONS OCCUPIED.

HAVRE, May 7. A Belgian communique says: Following the occupation of Shangugu, the Belgians continued to progress on the southern shore of Lake Kivu. They attacked the enemy's stronghold on 21st April, and forced it into headlong retreat. The Belgians on 20th April occupied the German post at Isangani, which was abandoned by the enemy.

## AN UNFOUNDED GERMAN CLAIM.

## BRITISH ADMIRALTY'S COMMENTS.

LONDON, May 7. A German communique claims: "In an air fight on Friday a hostile aeroplane was brought down off Flanders. A German torpedo boat on Saturday captured a British aeroplane undamaged off Flanders. The two occupants were made prisoners. On Friday one of our ships sank the British submarine *E-1* of Hornaif." It is admitted that Zeppelin *L-7* has not returned.

With reference to the above, the Admiralty states that two naval aeroplanes are missing. The body of one of the aviators was picked up; also the observer's lifebelt. The sinking of *E-1* is untrue. The vessel returned safely to its base.

## THE LOSS OF ZEPPELIN "L-7".

## DESCRIPTION FROM DANISH EYE-WITNESSES.

COPENHAGEN, May 7. The destruction of Zeppelin *L-7* was witnessed by many people. The airship was plainly observed from Hornsrest Islet, off the Danish coast. She was struck by shots from British cruisers, and caught fire. The wind drove her eastward off Blavandshuk, whence she was seen dropping into the sea, and rapidly disappeared below the surface.

## FRENCH MINISTERS IN RUSSIA.

## AUDIENCE OF THE TSAR.

PETROGRAD, May 7. The Tsar has given audience to the French Prime Minister (M. Viviani), and Minister for Munitions (M. Thomas).

## THE DISTURBANCES IN IRELAND.

## VICTIMS AND PRISONERS.

LONDON, May 7. Up to the present, 160 civilian victims of the rising have been buried in Dublin. Owing to the shortage of labour, many were interred without coffins in clothes, sheets, and blankets. Bodies of rebels are still being discovered in the debris. In Limerick City all the Sinn Feiners have surrendered their arms and ammunition. A thousand more prisoners left Dublin for England last night, making the number of deportees 2,000.

## REBEL LEADERS SENTENCED.

LONDON, May 8. George, son of Count Plunkett has been sentenced to ten years, not the Count himself; but the latter and his wife have been arrested.

It is officially announced that Sir Robert Chalmers has been appointed Under Secretary for Ireland, in succession to Sir Matthew Nathan.

It is unofficially reported that the Rt. Hon. L. Harcourt, Commissioner of Works, will succeed Mr. Birrell as Secretary of State for Ireland.

(Sir Robert Chalmers was lately Governor of Ceylon. When he was appointed to that position, Sir Matthew Nathan succeeded him as Chairman of the Board of Inland Revenue.—Ed.)

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## THE SITUATION IN CHINA.

(Wah Tse Yat Po's Service.)

## ANOTHER PROVINCE DECLARES ITS INDEPENDENCE.

PEKING, May 8. The province of Heilungkiang (one of the three provinces of Manchuria) has declared its independence.

Kwai Fong, who has been appointed Military Superintendent of the Province, has made his headquarters at Tsitsihar.

## THE ATTITUDE OF THE SOUTHERN ARMIES.

## PRESIDENT'S ABDICATION INSISTED UPON.

PEKING, May 8. The reply of the Southern Armies to the communication recently made to them by the new Cabinet is that if the abdication of the President is acknowledged then fighting would be stopped for a week; otherwise no negotiations can be entered upon.

## THE NORTHERN ARMY.

PEKING, May 8. The troops in Peking propose to organise a Military Association for the whole country.

## ATTEMPT TO CAPTURE A GUNBOAT.

SINGAPORE, May 8. Revolutionaries on board a steam launch attempted to seize the gunboat *Chakdun*, but failed. About a dozen men have been arrested.

## A STATEMENT BY MR. LIANG SHIH-YI.

It is generally agreed by those who know how "the ropes are pulled" in China that there is no more influential personality in the country than Liang Shih-yi, who in the late Cabinet held the portfolio of Minister of Communications. The Peking correspondent of the "Peking and Tientsin Times" sent his paper, the following interview with Liang Shih-yi.

PEKING April 21. The following interesting sidelights on the present situation and what led up to it were given to me during a two-hour interview with H.E. Liang Shih-yi at his private house yesterday. In answer to my question as to the possibility of a compromise being arrived at between the independent provinces in the South and the Central Government, Mr. Liang said that there was every reason to believe that a settlement would be arrived at. He pointed out that Kwai-chow and Yunnan were two very poor provinces and were undoubtedly suffering great stress owing to the present hostilities. He also said that he had information that their supplies of arms and munitions were nearly exhausted and was of the opinion that that had a certain amount to do with their present attempts to come to an understanding with the Central Government.

Mr. Liang said that the first negotiations were carried on through Lung Chieh-wang of Canton, but owing to the trouble which broke out between his troops and those of General Lu Yung-tung, Governor of Kwangsi, the communications were interrupted. With regard to the independence of Kwangsi, Mr. Liang said there were two reasons for the officials acting as they had done. One was that the people were very much afraid that the troops of the independent army which had forced their way into Hunan would also make a theatre of war of their province unless they dissociated themselves from the central authorities, and the other reason was that General Lu Yung-tung was anxious to become Governor of Kwangtung.

Mr. Liang seemed to be of the opinion that Yunnan and Kwai-chow would come to terms, but said that it was with regret that he had to admit that there was likely to be minor trouble in the provinces of Kwangtung and Kwangsi. This seems to be on account of the bad blood existing between Lung Chieh-wang and General Lu Yung-tung. Mr. Liang told me that while they were relatives by marriage they were a little hope in their coming together and working on the same side.

Mr. Liang pointed out that while this trouble in the two provinces would cause much pain and suffering to the people it would in no way interfere with the general situation.

With regard to the negotiations I was informed that they were being conducted by the Vice-President, Hsu Shih-chang and Field-marshal Tuan Chi-jui and that the President was having nothing to do with them at all. I asked Mr. Liang if he could give me any idea of the concessions the President was willing to make. In reply he said that the President was willing to call into being a responsible Cabinet, to have a representative Parliament, and to re-establish the Provincial Assemblies.

Questioned concerning the attitude of Feng Kuo-chang, Mr. Liang said that the Government had every confidence in the loyalty of this official and that no reason was to be taken of all the reports which were being circulated by the people in the South who were doing their best to spread a feeling of unrest among the foreigners.

Mr. Liang pointed out the fact that the people of the independent provinces were all quarrelling among themselves and even up to now had been unable to decide on a leader; they were all striving for personal power and the fact that they were so divided among themselves was another reason why he thought a compromise would be effected. Referring to General Feng Kuo-chang, he said that owing to the force under his command being composed of the Chen, Wei-chun, the 4th and 19th Divisions who were all Northern troops, the Government had confidence that he would be able to hold and maintain his position.

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I next touched on the financial situation. I pointed out that the Government was unable to get money from the independent provinces, that other provinces which were still loyal were unable to forward their usual contributions on account of having to meet new military expenses and that it was reported in the Chinese press that other provinces were even asking for remittances from the Central authorities.

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Mr. Liang in reply said that it was absolutely untrue that any of the provinces had applied to the Central Government for financial aid. He said it was only to be expected that the revenue would show a decrease, but he was confident that with observance of economy the Government would be able to tide over the situation. He pointed out that the Government had various supplies of money to draw upon. For instance, there was eight million dollars raised by the selling of the Premium Bonds still in the Bank. There was also the same amount in hand derived from the opium tax. Besides which the Government had other sums in hand. These funds were not originally intended to be used for carrying on the administration, but if the Government needed the money they could make use of it.

I next mentioned the military expenses to which the Government was put on account of the operations in the South and said that I imagined that they must be a great drain on the Government. In reply Mr. Liang said that the military expenses connected with the suppression of the trouble in the South had been greatly exaggerated. He pointed out that they have raised no new bodies of troops and that if there had been, no trouble in the South these men would have been paid and fed. "I am," said Mr. Liang, "well acquainted with this item of the country's finances and can prove that they are nothing near as high as most people believe. There are certain extraordinary expenses to cover transport, special shoes, rewards to the soldiers, extra food when fighting in the field, etc., but they are mere items. For instance, for the first eighty days, starting from December 25 last, the extraordinary military expenses only amounted to \$4,500,000 and the daily expenses are likely to decrease as the summer approaches."

In answer to my question as to whether the troops in Peking had been paid regularly and whether the Imperial family were receiving their allowances when due, he replied that the troops had always been paid when due and the Imperial family were receiving their money regularly. In conclusion Mr. Liang informed me that there was every sign to indicate that a settlement would be arrived at, and that the country in future would be governed by means of a representative government. "It would take some time to finally adjust matters and get the administration in good working order but he had every reason to be optimistic about the situation. The President, he assured me, would not under any circumstances resign."

## NEW ADVICE TO TRIBUNALS.

## MR. LONG ON THE TREATMENT OF THE CONSCIENTIOUS.

The President of the Local Government Board last month sent a circular to tribunals stating:—

The Government are engaged in the appointment of a Committee to whom a service of national importance a conscientious objector should undertake, and for such other information as the tribunal may require.

Some tribunals are alleged to have subjected applicants to a somewhat harsh cross-examination. It is of course necessary that the tribunal should satisfy themselves of the bona fides of an applicant, but it is desirable that inquiries should be made with tolerance and impartiality.

In a few cases complaints have been made that tribunals have decided to continue all their hearings in private. Under the regulations and instructions it is not competent to a tribunal so to act.

Tribunals should recognise the injury that may be done to commerce if managers directing important businesses and clerks possessing technical knowledge or occupying positions of special responsibility are removed and cannot be replaced. The same considerations will apply to the directing heads of farming and other agricultural operations. The number coming within these classes is comparatively small.

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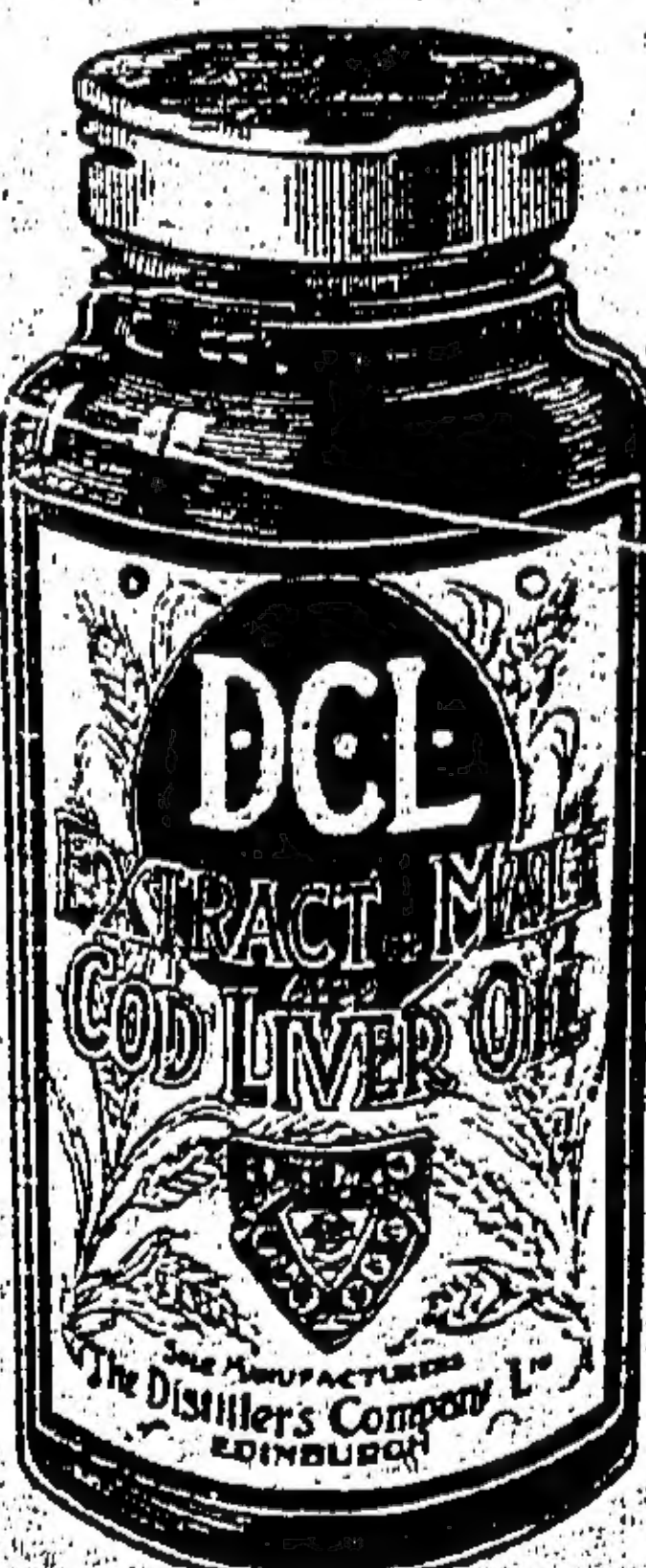
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